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ACTION EA-14

INFO OCT-01 ADP-00 SNM-02 AID-20 SS-15 MMS-03 DEAE-00

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R 220625Z AUG 73
FM AMEMBASSY RANGOON
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7130

C O N F I D E N T I A L RANGOON 1963

FOR EA/EX

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SNAR BM
SUBJ: NARCOTICS ACTION CONTROL PLAN: ADDITIONAL SECRETARIAL POSITION

REF: A. RANGOON 0364
B. STATE 065218
C. RANGOON 1933

1. REF A (NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTION PLAN FUNDING DATA) RECOMMENDED INTER ALIA THAT STATE PERSONNEL IN RANGOON BE INCREASED BY ONE FSO POSITION AS NARCOTICS OFFICER AND BY ONE FSS SECRETARY. THESE TWO POSITIONS CONSIDERED INTEGRAL TO THE EXPANDED NARCOTICS CONTROL FUNCTION WHICH WOULD BE ADDITIONAL TO ACTIVITIES ALREADY PERFORMED BY EMBASSY'S P/E SECTION.

2. REF B STATED THAT EA INTER-AGENCY WORKING GROUP HAD APPROVED STRATEGY AND GOALS IN UPDATED NARCOTICS ACTION CONTROL PLAN. DEPARTMENT'S ONLY EXPRESSED RESERVATION ON FUNDING THAT EMBASSY AWARE OF IS THAT NOTED IN PARA 6 REF B. THEREFORE WE PRESUME THAT BALANCE OF FUNDING PROPOSALS APPROVED.

3. NARCOTICS OFFICER POSITION IS ABOUT TO BE FILLED BY FSR-6 EDWARD MCGIVERN, WHO ARRIVES IN RANGOON AUG 23.

4. EMBASSY HOWEVER HAS RECEIVED NO INFORMATION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF
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ACCOMPANYING SECRETARIAL POSITION, REQUEST FOR WHICH IN REF A

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WAS RECENTLY REPEATED IN REF C PROVIDING UPDATED FUNDING PROPOSALS FOR FY 1974 AND LATER YEARS. AUTHORIZATION AND EARLY FILLING OF THIS POSITION NOW THAT NARCOTICS OFFICER'S ARRIVAL IMMINENT IS DEEMED HIGHLY IMPORTANT TO SUCCESSFUL ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THAT OFFICER'S FUNCTIONS.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE INFO ON STATUS OF REQUEST FOR SECRETARIAL POSITION.
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